Claims

1. A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a passenger to facilitate identify verification, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of the passenger prior to the boarding and at a location beyond a security perimeter;

taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of generating a computer-storage image output; and

printing a human-cognizable image of the passenger directly onto said boarding pass.

2. The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein printing said human-cognizable image onto said boarding pass occurs with an ink color associated with a particular transport departure.

4. The process of claim 1 wherein said electronic image is stored in a centralized database.

5. The process of claim 1 wherein printing said human-cognizable image occurs with a non-smudgeable ink.

6. The process of claim 5 wherein said human-cognizable image appears on a video display as retrieved from said centralized database upon entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

7. A travel boarding pass system for verifying the identity of a bearer, comprising:

a self-supporting boarding pass having a human-cognizable image of the bearer printed thereon, the human-cognizable image being printed in an ink color associated with a transport departure of the bearer.

8. A travel boarding pass system for verifying the identity of the bearer, comprising:

a self-supporting boarding pass having a machine readable data series selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip encoding an alphanumeric code;

a computer database storing a bearer image associated with the reference number; and

a video display coupled to said computer database and a machine data reader adapted to read the data series, such that upon reading the data series a human-cognizable bearer image is displayed on said video display.

9. A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a passenger to facilitate identify verification, comprising the steps of:

verifying the identity of the passenger prior to the boarding;

taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of generating a computer-storable image output;

encoding a machine readable data series selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip onto a boarding pass, said data series referencing said computer-storable image output within a computer;

reading the data series to said computer database;

recalling a human-cognizable image of the passenger from said computer-storable image output, said computer-storable image output referenced to said data series with said computer database;

displaying said human-cognizable image on a video display interfaced with said computer database; and

comparing the human-cognizable image on said video display with the passenger presenting said boarding pass at the time of boarding.